

stroyed the success of gold mining in this vicinity for many years in the past. This success of Mr. Chick's invention is looked forward to with a great deal of interest.

The Elmer Gold Mining Company has done considerable work in preparing for extensive dredge with which to wash gravel, out of which it is said a paying quantity of gold will be realized. The dredge, which will be used by the Chesapeake & Ohio railroad.

The Sulphur Mine and Railroad Company has made good shipments of pyrites and has made considerable improvements in the mine, which will be used by the Chesapeake & Ohio railroad.

The Armistead have added practical improvements and have made the largest shipments for many years.

It is said the United States Fidelity and Guaranty Company's mine will open up more extensively. The outlook for the pyrites business is very bright with the advent of the new year.

FRONT ROYAL.

Adds Valuable Manufacturers to Its Industries.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) FRONT ROYAL, Va., Dec. 31.—During the past year many improvements have taken place in business conditions here. Most notable in the manufacturing line is the erection of a local pin factory, and an ice factory with large capacities, which have added largely to the already flourishing number of the enterprises. The Front Royal Milling Company has made quite an addition to their flour mill, the capacity of which is 100 barrels of flour, 100 bushels of corn meal, and 12 tons of feed.

Next comes the retailers. Especially noteworthy has been the branch of Front Royal's enterprises, which has been strengthened by the opening of two first-class confectionery stores, three restaurants, one jewelry store, the enlargement of our art store, the Motor, and the fact of its kind in the Valley, and the exchange of business management of one grocery and queenware house. Our two drug stores are elaborately equipped for the dispensation of drugs.

During the past six months miles upon miles of telephone and electric light wires have been strung throughout the county of Warren, by The Royal Telephone Company (local). The Front Royal Electric Light and Power Company, The Electric Light Company is just completing its plant at Riverton, where it harnesses the north branch of the Shenandoah River for its power. This plant will replace the old one which was installed about ten years ago, and it is modern in every particular.

Two banks—the Bank of Warren, which remodeled its home during the past summer, and The Front Royal National Bank (inc. 1883), now erecting a commodious new banking house, grace two of the best locations on Main Street. The local colleges—the Randolph-Macon Academy, with the largest enrollment since its establishment, and the Eastern College, established in 1900, which now has an enrollment of 150 students, speak for themselves.

Many new residences have gone up during the past year, and at no time during this period has there been less than eight residences under construction.

Among the home owners are those of Messrs. Joseph H. Anderson, merchant; J. M. Bluer, retired; C. W. Forsyth, attorney; W. B. Rudnicke, lumber merchant; M. M. Johnson, farmer; Joseph Kanne, ice manufacturer; Mr. Motter, salesman; W. A. Duke, Byrd and Chas. Fletcher, Duck Brothers, W. M. Angles, C. E. Thompson, I. H. Trout, druggist; E. L. Shotwell, tanner, and many other smaller, but handsome residences.

Ground has been broken for a handsome Methodist Church which is to cost \$10,000.

Front Royal is also a noted summer resort, having from 300 to 600 boarders every summer.

PETERSBURG, VA.

Looks for Enlarged Prosperity. Better Deep-Water Facilities.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) PETERSBURG, Va., December 31.—Petersburg began the new year with many encouraging business conditions, which produce a present prosperity, with promise of greater things to come. During the past year the city's wealth and resources have materially increased. Enterprises have been developed which should be most prolific sources of commercial strength. Chief among these is, of course, the great work now in progress, of so changing the channel of the Appomattox River that deep water access to the sea may be secured and maintained.

This is one of the largest lumber ports in the State, and the admission of seagoing vessels to the harbor will prove of immense value to that great industry, as it is estimated that during the last year there has been shipped from this district by rail to more distant ports fifteen million feet of lumber, which could have been loaded here had there been deep water facilities. Colonel E. M. Ford, city water inspector, reports the lumber shipper's interest by vessels from this port during 1934 as follows: 33,200,000 feet of pine lumber; 47,720 cord cross ties and 240 cords of poplar wood. There have also been large shipments by rail to Philadelphia and other Northern ports.

An increase of thirty per cent. in the bank deposits encourages optimism as to the city's welfare, and the great activity prevailing in the tobacco and peanut markets up to the beginning of the Christmas holidays contributed largely to the general good of business, especially among the merchants of the town.

The peanut market has been exceedingly active, and receipts during a period of about two months before Christmas broke the record for many years.

The amount of tobacco brought to the Petersburg market recently has also been unusually large, and good prices have been obtained. An effort is being made to make this a bright tobacco market, but so far little has been handled here.

The J. B. Worth Company, of this city,

A CARD.

WE tender our many friends and patrons our heartfelt thanks for their patronage of the past year.

Our endeavor shall be to merit a continuance of your favors by providing always that which is most desirable. In the future, as in the past, we will control, on this market, the lines of FINE Furniture, which we consider the best. Special care will also be given to the selection of our cheap and medium priced furniture. Good patterns and workmanship will be provided at minimum prices, and plunder will be avoided.

Our Rug and Curtain Department will be more than ever a feature, and in charge of an experienced manager. Bridal Suits will be our great specialty at our Broad Street Stores and Office Furniture at our Eighth Street Annex.

Very gratefully yours,
SYDNOR & HUNDLEY, Leaders, RICHMOND, VA.

N. B.—See our \$10.00 Morris Chair this week.

and the Dixie Peanut Company, which operates at several points in Virginia, are building two large peanut factories here, that of the Worth Company having been practically completed. Another important addition to business buildings is the big depot of the Portner Brewing Company, of Alexandria, which will make Petersburg a distributing point for several States. The recent establishment of a new and independent cigar company, the South Atlantic, and the work now in progress to establish a new silk mill, surely augur well for the city's manufacturing interests.

VIRGINIA'S NEWEST TOWN

Galax, Less Than a Year Old, Shows Great Industrial Activity.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) HILLSVILLE, Va., Dec. 31.—The most encouraging business outlook for the new town of Galax, situated on the line between Giles and Grayson counties, Galax is not yet a year old, the first stone having been laid sometime during last March or April.

The Norfolk and Western Railroad Company decided in the early spring to extend their North Carolina branch road from Blair, about two miles up Chestnut Creek, to Anderson's Bottoms. A few energetic persons organized themselves into a land improvement company, secured the right to the land around the place, selected a site for a depot, and, at once, laid it off into town lots. The first building erected on the ground was a small office, built by the improvement company. Since that time quite a number of dwellings, storehouses, banks, factories and other buildings have been constructed. The town now boasts of a splendid furniture factory, a wholesale grocery, three hotels, two drug stores, two banks and a population of 150 to 200 souls. There are, also, in future prospect, a wagon factory, a spoke and handle factory, a shoe and boot factory, and a great many persons owning lots there, who have not yet begun work on them, but who will probably build as soon as the weather opens up in the spring.

All told, Galax is a hustling little town.

The Town of Chatham.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) CHATEAUX, Va., Dec. 31.—The old Johnson store, for many years an eyesore, is now occupied by R. M. Fox, Jew-

eler, with an up-to-date stock of jewelry. The new brick store on Main Street, adjoining the Planters Savings Bank, is occupied by J. H. Adkins in a similar line. Near the Southern depot a commodious store is now under way, occupied by J. H. Adkins with a full line of general merchandise. J. H. Adkins & Co. now have in course of erection a large furniture factory, into which the machinery of their present plant will be moved soon as completed. J. H. Adkins recently replaced the old and dilapidated building with a new and well-arranged shed, which will accommodate a large number of stock.

In Pittsylvania county, the site on which Banister Mills was burned last winter, a large roller plant is being built at the cost of several thousand dollars by the Neal Brothers. The grinding capacity will be one hundred barrels of flour and more than four hundred bushels of meal daily.

G. H. Vaden recently installed a twenty-four foot steel wheel at his Galveston Mills. Shellhorse & Hodnett, of Eagle Rock Mills, have equipped their plant with a twenty-five horse power gasoline engine. A ten room wing has recently been added to the Dan River Electric Institute to accommodate the large increase in boarding students. This will be added to in the near future. The financial condition of the farmers is good.

CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA.

Three-quarters of a Million in New Improvements.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va., Dec. 31.—That this old university town has taken on new lease of life, is evidenced by the number of new buildings that have been erected, or under way, or in process of being erected, during the past year. The figures obtained by your correspondent to-day from City Treasurer C. H. Walker show that during the year 1934, 1935, 1936, 1937, 1938, 1939, 1940, 1941, 1942, 1943, 1944, 1945, 1946, 1947, 1948, 1949, 1950, 1951, 1952, 1953, 1954, 1955, 1956, 1957, 1958, 1959, 1960, 1961, 1962, 1963, 1964, 1965, 1966, 1967, 1968, 1969, 1970, 1971, 1972, 1973, 1974, 1975, 1976, 1977, 1978, 1979, 1980, 1981, 1982, 1983, 1984, 1985, 1986, 1987, 1988, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025, 2026, 2027, 2028, 2029, 2030, 2031, 2032, 2033, 2034, 2035, 2036, 2037, 2038, 2039, 2040, 2041, 2042, 2043, 2044, 2045, 2046, 2047, 2048, 2049, 2050, 2051, 2052, 2053, 2054, 2055, 2056, 2057, 2058, 2059, 2060, 2061, 2062, 2063, 2064, 2065, 2066, 2067, 2068, 2069, 2070, 2071, 2072, 2073, 2074, 2075, 2076, 2077, 2078, 2079, 2080, 2081, 2082, 2083, 2084, 2085, 2086, 2087, 2088, 2089, 2090, 2091, 2092, 2093, 2094, 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